

Service Centers as backbone of a D-SPIN infrastructure

- requirements and current state -

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Overview



- technical infrastructure
- required pillars
- centres network as backbone
- requirements for centres
- state centres network
- state pillars
- relations to e-Infrastructures
- summary

Technical Infrastructure



J. Taylor:

"eScience is about global collaboration in key areas of science and the next generation of infrastructures that will enable it"

Need to build new types of platforms

 to allow researchers to combine existing resources and tools easily to new ones to tackle the big challenges



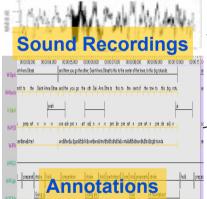
- to increase the productivity of all interested researchers, since currently too much time is wasted by preparatory work

Like to compare it with the tracks and signalling for the ICE

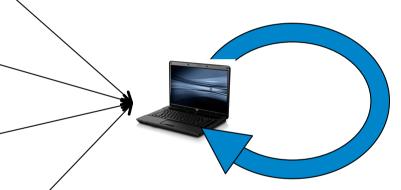
Current Download-First Paradigm













- installing
- downloading
- adapting
- converting
- scripting
- etc etc
- some like it very much as I liked the VW Käfer
- not very efficient, rights problems, etc
- many are cut off since one needs IT skills
- cyberspace needs to overcome this scenario

Technical Infrastructure Pillars I



- which kind of pillars will make up the required infrastructure suitable for e-Research
- need to solve the integration and interoperability issues
 - can we rely on the availability of LRT?
 - -> stable repositories
 - -> stable service execution frameworks
 - can we see the resources, tools and services?
 - -> joint metadata domain
 - can we guarantee stability of references?
 - -> persistent identifier service

Technical Infrastructure Pillars II



- need to solve the integration and interoperability issues
 - can we allow virtual collection & workflow building?
 - -> domain of trust
 - -> distributed authentication&authorization
 - can we trust our servers?
 - -> domain of certificates
 - can we find things?
 - -> need many registries essential for a distributed arch
 - can we support easy crosswalk?
 - -> pivot formats and converters
 - -> solve the semantic gap -> ISOcat, etc?
 - -> build framework for a service oriented architecture



Stability, Availability, Persistence



- building an infrastructure is expensive and needs time
- building the "ICE trains" is not infrastructure
- building Virtual Research Environments, tools and services is a task of research
- creating new resources dito



- essential questions
 - how can we make investments persistent?
 - how can we guarantee stability and availability of all services?
 - who will maintain all this?



Network of Centres as Backbone



- it's a network of centres that needs to act as backbone in a cyberinfrastructure scenario
- it's the centres that need to provide the essential services and maintain them
- it's the centres' network that can provide redundancy
- Wolfgang Klein: if you offer a tool or whatsoever, take care that it works, otherwise researchers will not use it!!
- centres can only be built on local commitments of the research organization Heidelberg
- have already centres such as IDS is something new?
- similar directions in most other research infrastructures

Centres as part of Workflows



- centres need Bahnbleer Berlin-Hbf(Lehrter Bahnhef)
 - to be devoted to continuous service optimization without own agenda
 - to offer services that can be integrated into the researchers' workflow, i.e.
 - quick search and easy execution
 - frequently random access patterns
 - unrestricted access (not just a restricted interface)
 - easy annotations in workspaces
 - seamless transition between local and infra resources where possible (export into spreadsheet etc)
 - etc (Hinrichs -> coming Prague Workshop)

Types of Centres



Infrastructure centres

sensitive services, availability

LRT service centres

resources and tools, robustness

Metadata providers

just metadata

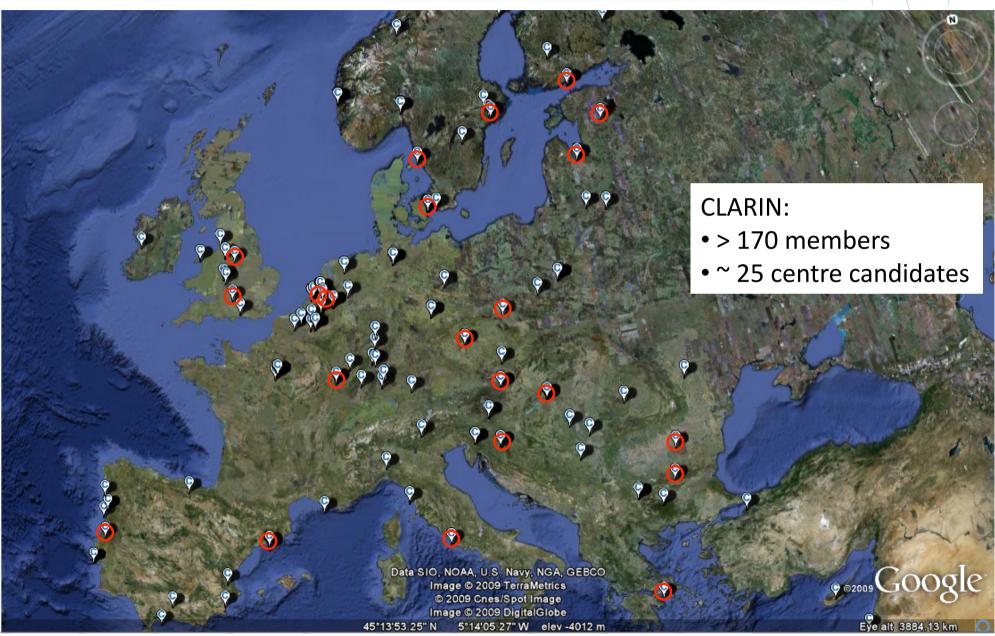
Respected providers

just web portal

 external service providers (D-SPIN/CLARIN does not have to offer all types of infrastructure services -> later)

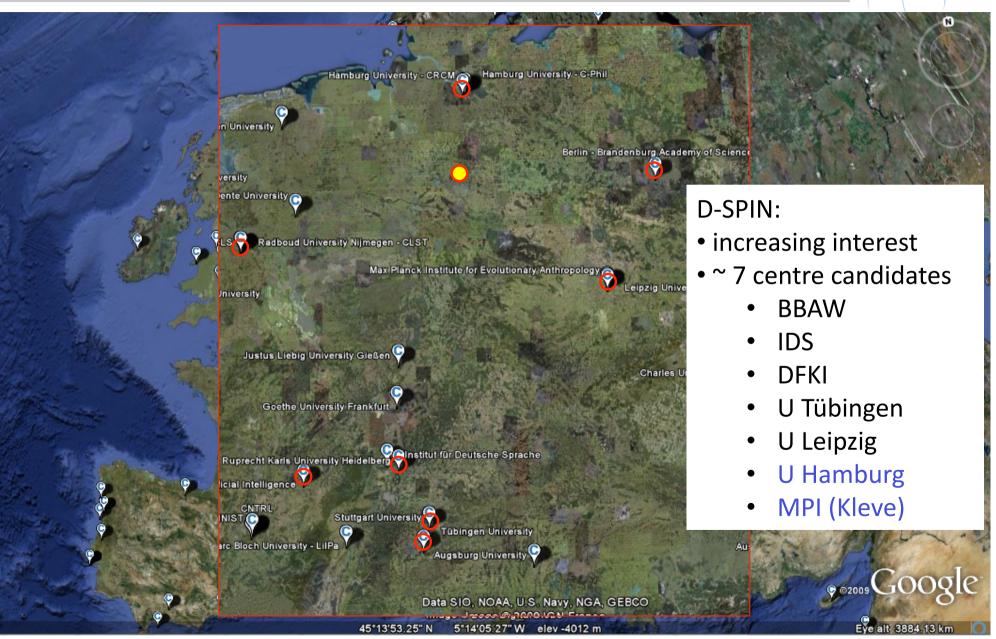
CLARIN/D-SPIN Centres





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Requirements for Centres



- offer all required attributes for centre registry ->self/D-SPIN
- certify all your servers -> DFN
- integrate to national identity federation -> DFN AAI
- integrate to LRT service provider federation -> D-SPIN
- setup a proper repository -> self /own costs
- associate PIDs with your resources (services) -> self
- create and offer (OAI PMH) compliant metadata -> self
- make your offers explicit -> self
- carry out quality self assessments -> self/monitored by DSA
- allow service monitoring -> D-Grid/D-SPIN instance
- offer workspaces/execution spaces -> self/PARADE
- take care of archiving solution -> MPI/?/PARADE
- etc

State Centres Network





- all ready
- PID service

MPI

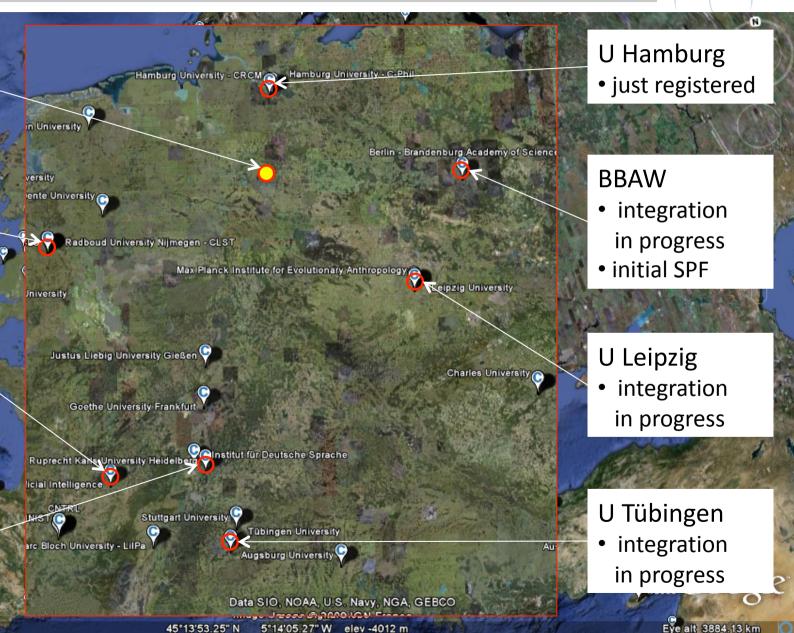
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- initial SPF

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- integration in progress
- initial SPF

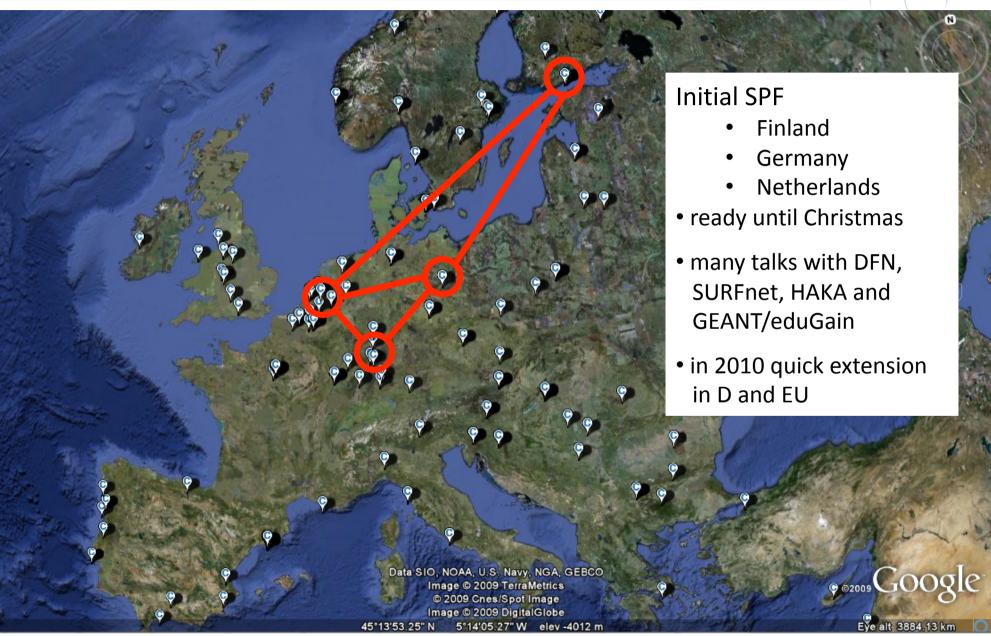
IDS

- integration in progress
- initial SPF



Initial Federation - State AAI

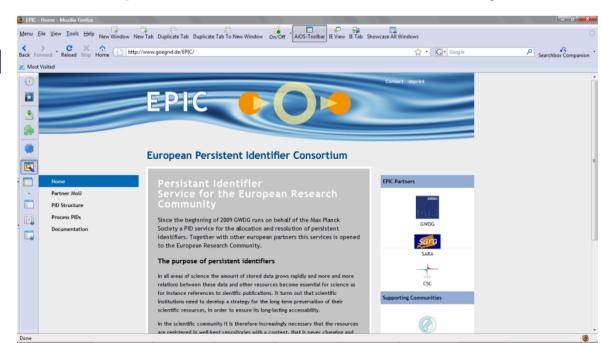




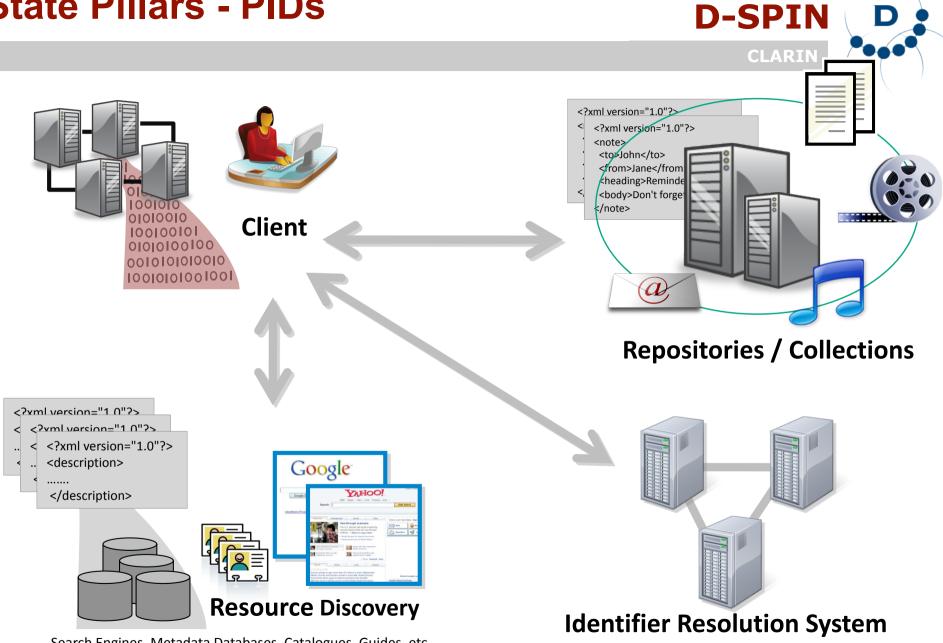
State Pillars - PIDs



- GWDG offers stable PID service based on handles
- most robust system for registration & resolution
- REST API is ready and can be used
- open for all CLARIN "centres" and others (SUB, MPG, ...) (makes only sense for centres that have stable repository)
- recently extended at European level for redundancy
- no one in D-SPIN obliged to use that service but ...



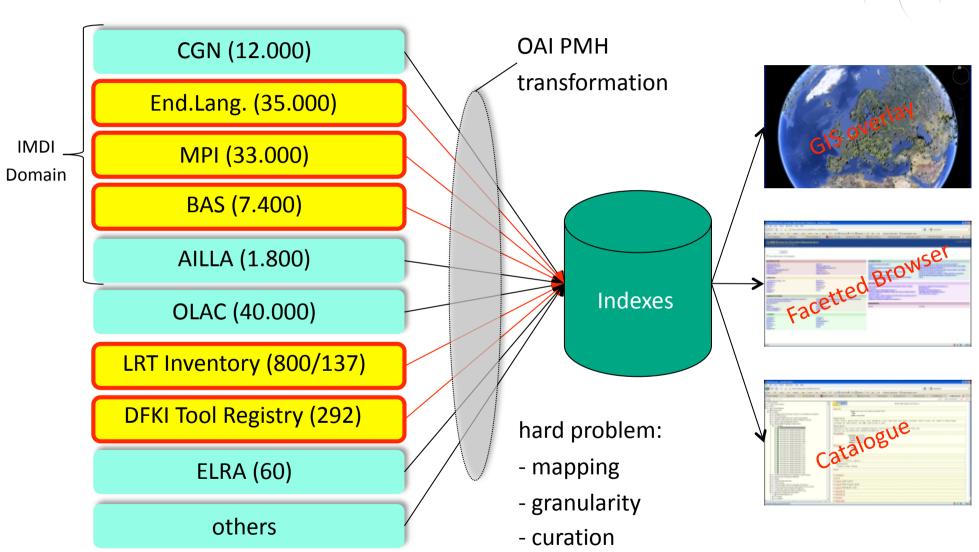
State Pillars - PIDs



Search Engines, Metadata Databases, Catalogues, Guides, etc. Munich, October 17 2009

State Pillars - Metadata Domain





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CLARIN Virtual Language Observatory - Resources

Powered by Flamenco

Demonstrator with IMDI, OLAC, ELRA and CLARIN data (contact: vlw@clarin.eu)

COUNTRY: Germany X

Subcategories in ORGANISATION:

Bavarian Archive for Speech Signals (BAS) (7417)

Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaft,

Digitales Wörterbuch der deutschen Sprache des 2 (1)

Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (1)

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digitale Wörterbuch der deutschen Sprache (2)

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Chemnitz University of Technology (1)

Das digitale Wörterbuch der deutschen Sprach

Jahrhunderts, Berlin-Brandenburgische

Freie Universität Berlin (1391)

German Research Foundation

Hochschule Magdeburg (10)

Humanethologisches Filmarchiv Sesellschaf

und Humanwissenschaftliches Ze (1)

IDS Mannheim (11)

Institut fuer Deutsche Sprache (1)

Institute of Indology and Tamil Studies, Cologne University

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Wissenschaften (1)

University of Konstanz (1)

University of Leipzig • Department of Computer Science •

NLP Group (1)

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much curation still to be done

D-SPIN Language Resources



many resources from D-SPIN colleagues and beyond

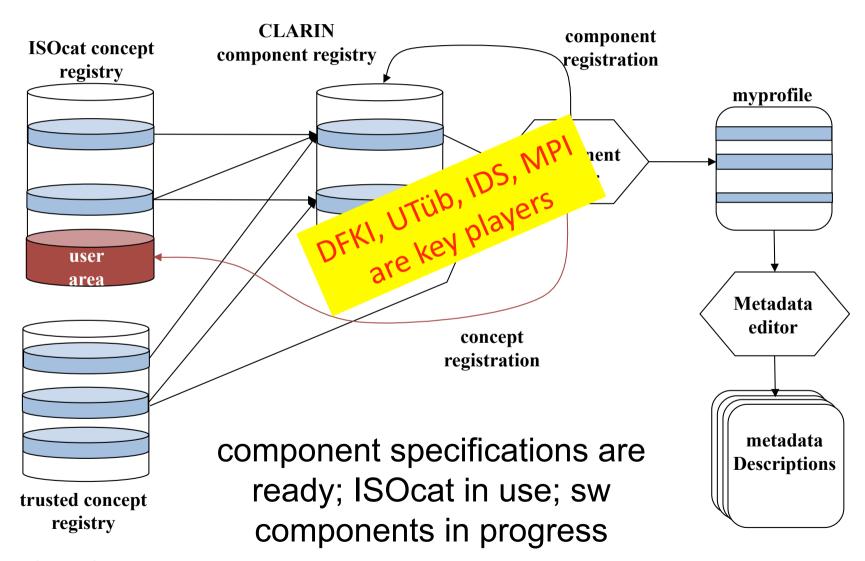
> many German resources

much curation needed

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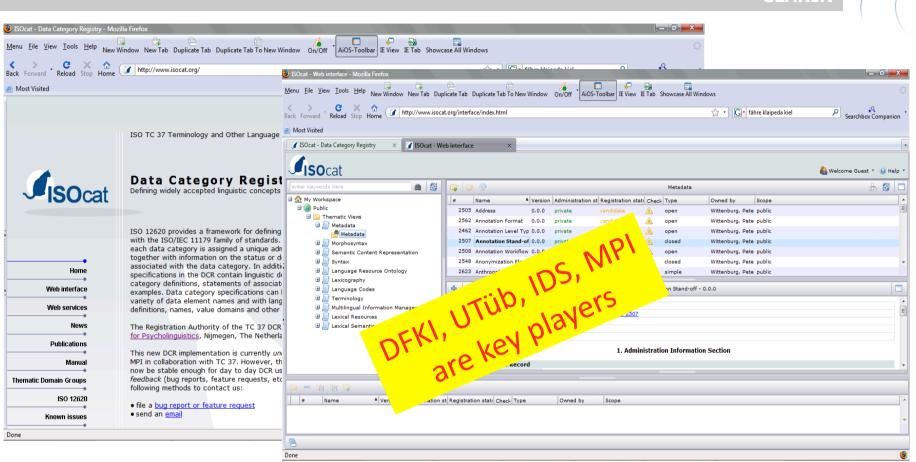
Component Metadata Framework





ISOcat Data Category Registry

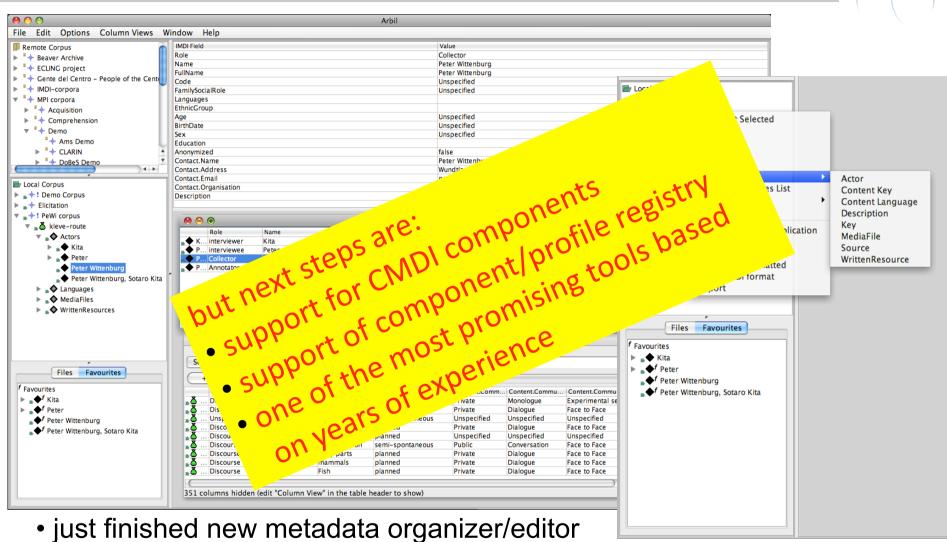




all relevant metadata categories defined and entered ISOcat already in production, API is ready much more in ISOcat, all in collaboration with ISO TC37

Metadata Organizing/Editing Tool



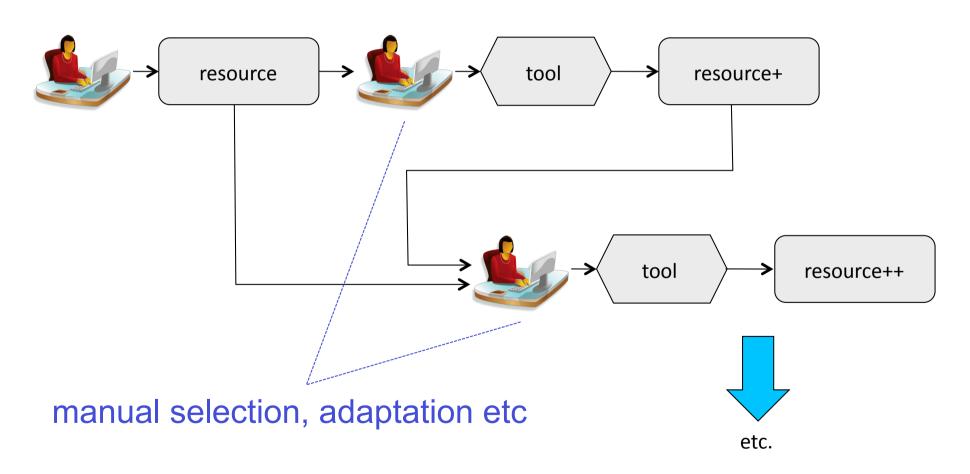


currently based on IMDI schema

State Pillars - Generic SOA



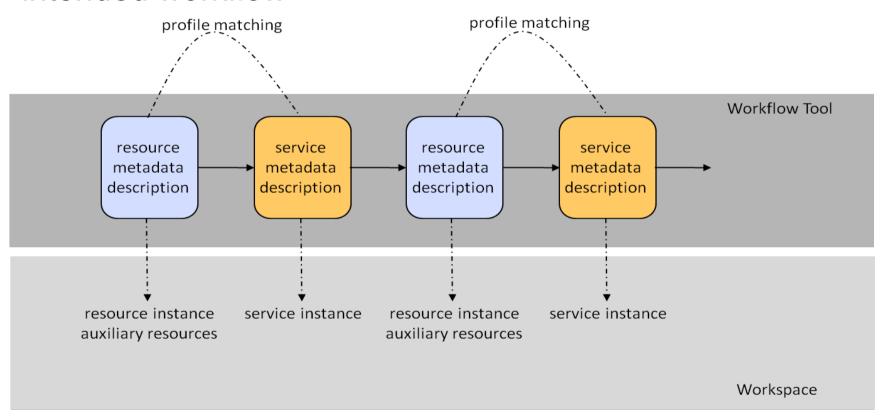
traditional workflow



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intended workflow

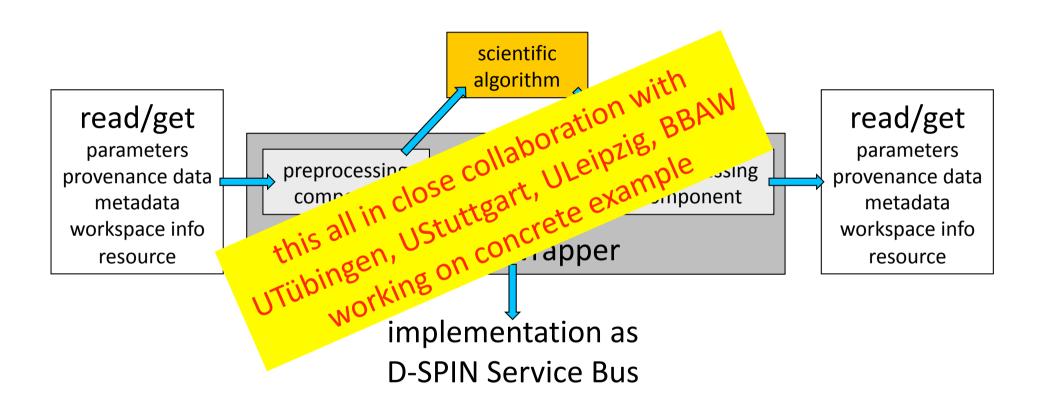


- metadata of resources and services are used to identify compliance
- if not they should suggest converters, etc.
- metadata specifications ready for profile matching

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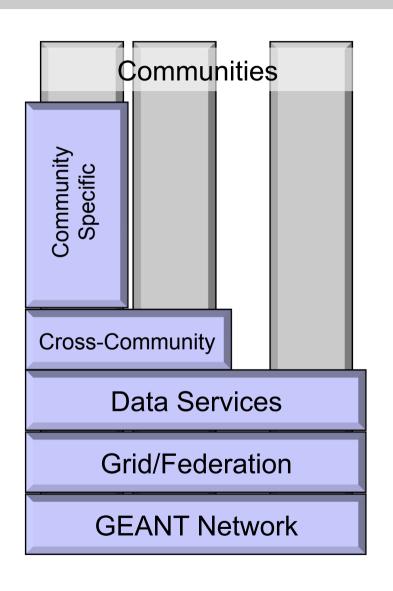


service view



Relations to e-Infrastructures





- close connection with DFN (certificates, AAI, ?)
- close connection with Grid/Federation (PID, security, monitoring, compute grid,?)
- close connection with future data services (archiving, authenticity, replication, workspaces, execution spaces, ?)
- cross-community needs to evolve (ISOcat, CMDI, SOA, ?)
- close interaction with DARIAH
- participation in TextGrid
- much in flux of course

Summary



- building TRI in SSH costs time
 - due to complex community processes
 - need to interact at European level
 - researchers need to be convinced to rely on RI in competitive times
- still in preparatory phase, i.e. testing various components
- e-Infrastructures often not ready yet
- in general good in time to achieve goals
- but building RI is nothing for impatient people





Thanks for your attention!

